

BAY OF PIGS

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Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, our sympathy goes out to the widows and children of the four Americans who were killed in the Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. They were mature men, not boys seeking adventure. Possibly they were employees of the Central Intelligence Agency who had been given the job of training anti-Castro Cubans in Guatemala for the invasion then being planned. This was during the Eisenhower administration. According to news accounts, their pay was \$1,900 per month. Whether this big pay made them soldiers of fortune, if they volunteered for combat just before the ill-fated invasion, is a matter for argument. Undoubtedly, it was not expected that they would themselves engage in combat. Their job was to teach and train. Presumably in the excitement of the invasion, they offered to go in fighting. They became casualties of the Bay of Pigs invasion. It may be that the checks for \$225 received every other week by each of these four widows come from the CIA. It is said that these payments will continue until the widows remarry. Let us see: \$225 every other week amounts to approximately \$487 per month. Unfortunately there are a number of widows, with children now of college age, of officers of our Air Force who lost their lives in combat in the service of their country in World War II. Have those war widows whose husbands, Air Force pilots or bombardiers in World War II who died heroically for their country, received as much as \$487 per month from a grateful Government?

A friend of mine, whose husband, a young lawyer who became a tank captain and was killed in action in Europe in 1944, leaving her with a child who is now a college boy, must have read with surprise the newspaper accounts of the very substantial amounts of the checks received by these other widows, whose husbands were unfortunately killed in the Bay of Pigs invasion.